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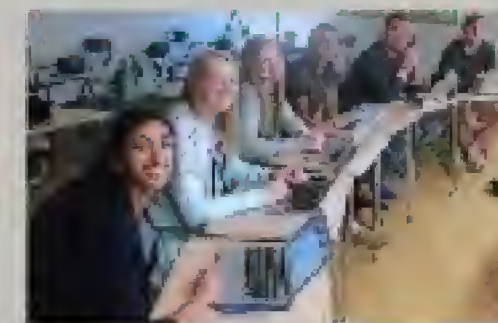
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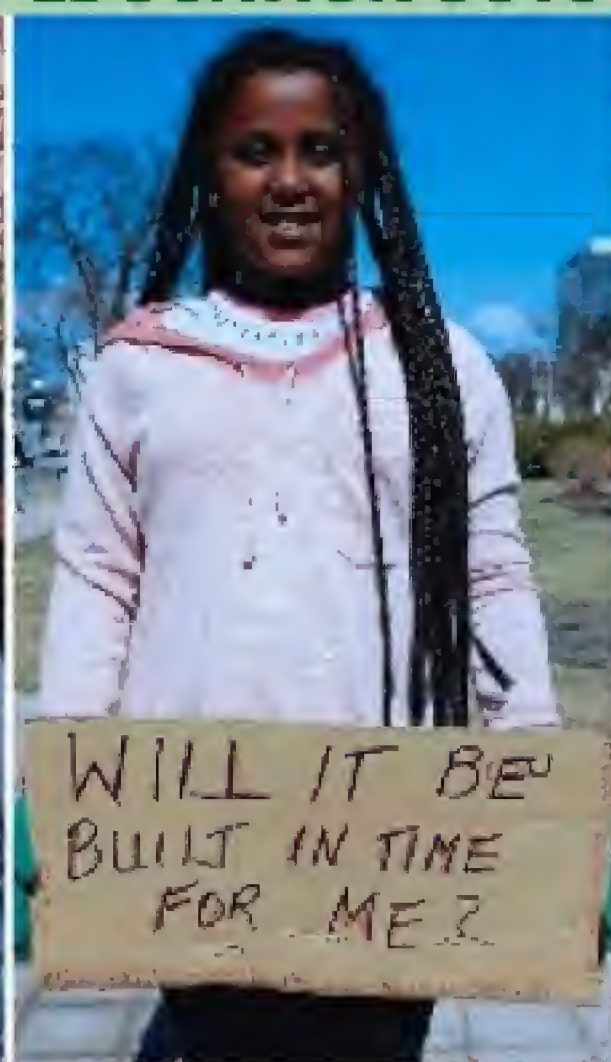
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Red River cresting in Winnipeg

WEATHER

Flood watch issued west of city due to high water levels

Manitoba flood officials say the Red River has crested in the provincial capital but water levels remain high in other parts of the province.

The latest flood bulletin says the Red River reached its peak Tuesday but water levels in Winnipeg were much lower thanks to the floodway which diverts water around the city.

A flood watch has been issued west of Winnipeg — from Portage La Prairie to Headingley — because of high water and ice on the Assiniboine River.

Officials say overland flooding is continuing across southern Manitoba because of ice jams, which are hard to predict or control.

The province says the snow has melted in much of the south but remains in the west and north.

Forecasters have said soil moisture is very high following a wet fall, and river and lake levels are above normal in some areas.

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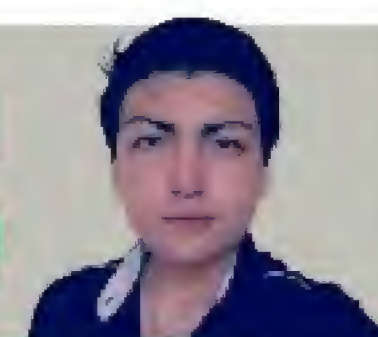
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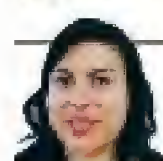
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Students protest funding cuts

EDUCATION

Provincial move puts plan for new school gym on hold



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

At least 200 students and members of the community gathered outside the Manitoba

legislature Wednesday to protest provincial funding cuts that affect a proposed gym for Kelvin High School.

In March, Education Minister Ian Wishart announced funding for 72 education-related infrastructure projects, omitting Kelvin's planned \$6.7 million, 17,000 square-foot fitness facility already in the works.

While 1,397 students are currently enrolled at Kelvin, the school's current gym can't fit 500 students, Winnipeg School Division chairperson Sherri Rollins told Metro last month.

Grade 11 and 12 students are forced to log gym hours outside class for their physical education credits because they can't be accommodated during school hours, said Shawna Nagler-Neufeld, chair of Kelvin's parent advisory council.

Kelvin raised about \$1 million from the community to put toward the gym. But with the province pulling out of its share of the financial bargain, at least temporarily, plans for the space have been put on hold.

Why is the new gym important to you?

Because we are such a big school for especially sports, it's ridiculous that we don't have a gym that can fit everyone in it. That's why this gym was so important because it would give everyone the opportunity to maybe be on a team or at least go to gym class and get the physical education portion of your education.



Hailey Sharpe (left), 19, Kelvin High School graduate

In (River Heights), what we're really short of is seniors' space. There's a large senior population still living in the area, which is great. But they have very little places they can go. So we met with the school division about expanding the project a bit to call it an active living centre. They loved the idea.



City Coun. John Orlikow
River Heights-Fort Garry

These kids need an opportunity to work with teachers in our school to earn their health phys-ed credits. Currently our students in Grade 11 and 12 cannot access the gym ... Our gym is not big enough. We need this facility to continue our kids on their academic trajectories.



Shawna Nagler-Neufeld, chair of parent advisory council



Hundreds gathered at the Manitoba Legislature Wednesday to protest provincial funding cuts that hindered plans for a new gymnasium at Kelvin High School. JESSICA BOTELHO-URBANSKI/METRO

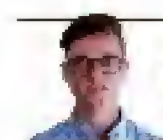
We've been raising money for this and people just feel deprived now that it's been taken away from us...We're told to have to do stuff out of class and then log our hours ... (gym class) would be a lot more fun.



Max Fisher
Grade 12 student

PARKING

Authorities will mail school zone tickets starting May 1



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

There's no escaping parking tickets in school zones anymore.

Earlier this week, the city launched an awareness campaign to pre-empt and warn drivers of new parking ticketing practices beginning May 1 to better enforce the rules in fire lanes, stalls for drivers with disabilities, and school zones.

Ryan Arabsky, the Winnipeg Parking Authority's manager of regulations and compliance, said the changes may come with a "small spike" in ticket volume initially, but the net result should be improved safety.

"The long and short of it is in the past we've always served (tickets) to the vehicle...quite honestly we weren't able to issue many tickets," Arabsky said.

Normally, parking officers try to serve people who either drive around the block to avoid

a ticket—representing a hazard where children are crossing—or when "the person isn't always so polite."

Arabsky said there were constant confrontations and "hostility," but more importantly, "it wasn't solving any safety problems," which is the whole point of the enforcement.

"The problem with that is, what's going to stop them from going back tomorrow and doing the same thing?" he said. "It's chaotic and it's dangerous."

To get around that issue, changes to the municipal bylaw enforcement act that came into effect in August granted the parking authority the ability to mail out tickets, so moving forward, they won't need to serve tickets by hand—they can just snap a picture, process it back at their office, and mail the ticket that day.

Arabsky is confident the new method will be more efficient, which should improve its efficacy in turn, as parking officers deal with 70 school zones in the city

on a regular basis.

Previously, they've done "selective enforcement," because resources don't allow them to visit many on a given day.

Now they will be able to get to each site more consistently, which Arabsky said should help people clue into the issue and adjust behaviours accordingly.

"With this campaign we hope people maybe have a lightbulb go off and people go, 'Holy man, this is a problem,' he said. "I hope this does bring awareness."

Coun. Brian Mayes, the city's school board liaison, said he's met with school boards about pickup and drop-off safety concerns for the last year and a half, hearing stories of near-misses, "people swearing at each other," parking in crosswalks and other "dangerous conditions."

"Parents are saying it's not safe," Mayes said. "Some people are going to call this a cash grab, but call it whatever you want, my view is this is enhancing school safety."

It came from a Winnipeg basement...

ARTS

'Lost' movie rediscovered and ready to be seen again

As a kid in Winnipeg, Richard Scott used to huddle in the basement with his family and watch 1920s-era silent films projected onto a bedsheet hung up with clothespins.

His dad, who worked at Eaton's, acquired the 16-millimetre films when the local department store discontinued its rental service and got rid of its stock in the late 1940s.

"We had piles of these movie tins," Scott recalled. "In total there were 15 feature movies, but none of them were the big-name actors of the time. They weren't Charlie Chaplin or Buster Keaton."

Still, one of them has turned out to be a gem.

Secrets of the Night, which the Library of Congress in the United States had declared as one of the thousands of "lost" movies of the silent-film era, was among the titles in the Scott family collection.

"It's, dare I say, more than rare — it is unique," said Brock



A scene from the silent film *Secrets of the Night*. As a kid in Winnipeg, Richard Scott and his family used to play 1920s-era silent movies from a projector onto a bedsheet hung up with clothespins in the basement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Silversides, director of the University of Toronto's Media Commons department, which received the film and many others from the Scott family.

Scott, who is retired, said the films had been kept in their original tins in an insulated box in his basement in Mississauga, Ont., for about

30 years.

When he started downsizing, he reached out to the university, which has since restored and digitized the copy

of *Secrets of the Night*, a 1924 murder-mystery comedy starring James Kirkwood, Madge Bellamy and ZaSu Pitts.

Last week, the school organ-

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We had piles of these movies in tins.

Richard Scott

ized a special screening of the film with a pianist providing the soundtrack.

"We're the only public institution that actually has the full film," said Silversides, who noted only a partial copy of the film was known to be in a private collection.

Overall, the entire Scott collection comprises of lower-budget, "good, solid films that give a wonderful idea of filmmaking during the silent era," said Silversides.

"They're extremely professional, they're good lighting, good editing, good acting, just good feature films."

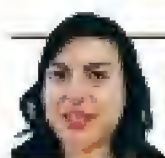
Scott said he's "thrilled" that the films have found a new home and will be appreciated.

"They haven't been doing anything here for us," said Scott. "It's better that the films be viewed and restored than have them just continue to deteriorate."

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MUSIC

Father John Misty tops Interstellar Rodeo bill



Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
Metro | Winnipeg

Interstellar Rodeo organizers let slip a single artist from their 2017 set list Wednesday.

American singer-songwriter Father John Misty, who's known for enigmatic indie rock and quirky dance moves, will headline the Friday night showcase on Aug. 18.

"Interstellar Rodeo is thrilled to be the first to present Father John Misty in Winnipeg. He is one of today's most intriguing and entertaining artists, and is unveiling a brand new album this week," said festival producer Shauna de Cartier in a news release.

Dropping Friday, *Pure Comedy* is the third album from Father John Misty (aka Josh

He is one of today's most intriguing, entertaining artists.

Shauna de Cartier

Tillman), the former drummer of folk act Fleet Foxes. The disc follows critically-lauded releases *I Love You*, *Honeybear*

(2015) and *Fear Fun* (2012).

"We know from his 2015 performance at Interstellar Rodeo Edmonton that his live show is second to none," de Cartier said. "Winnipeg, you are going to love this show."

Tickets for Interstellar Rodeo, hosted annually at The Forks, go on sale May 10. The full festival lineup will be unveiled the day before, organizers said.



Father John Misty is renowned for his live shows. Tickets for Interstellar Rodeo go on sale May 10. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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HOCKEY

Jets want Comrie on their team

Fresh off a 35-save performance for the Manitoba Moose Tuesday night, goaltender Eric Comrie has been recalled by the Winnipeg Jets.

Comrie, 21, turned pro last year and posted decent numbers through 46 games as a rookie, registering a goals-against average of 3.12 with a .907 save percentage.

This year, under a bit of a heavier workload with many consecutive starts through 48 games so far, Comrie improved that goals-against average slightly to 2.98, and maintained a similar save percentage of 0.906.

He also improved in the win column, claiming 17 victories this season over 13 in 2015-16.

Before being drafted by the Jets 59th overall in the 2013 NHL entry draft, Comrie played four seasons in the WHL with the Tri-City Americans, where he led the league in save percentage in 2013-14 with a high mark of 0.925.

He also helped Canada win a gold medal at the 2013 World Junior Championship.

For a Jets team that has seldom had better than statistically average goaltending,



Goaltender Eric Comrie has been recalled by the Winnipeg Jets after a stellar performance for the Manitoba Moose. TORSTAR

the youngster could factor into their goaltending plans sooner than later if he can demonstrate his ability to

play at the NHL level during this call-up and again in pre-season play next fall.

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Full plate for city's new food council

POLICY

Many decisions to be made in terms of access, health issues



Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Advocates hungry for improved food policy in Winnipeg are salivating at the impending launch of the city's first-ever food council.

But the soon-to-be created group, tasked with developing an overarching city food policy, should bite into more than just food-specific issues, according to Rob Moquin, of social justice group Food Matters Manitoba.

"You want to increase access to assortment, diversity, so we

need things like comprehensive transportation planning as opposed to just locating grocery stores here and there," said Moquin, the group's policy coordinator. "It takes a balanced approach."

The potential sway of a food council to affect change doesn't end at transportation — Moquin said there are many policy areas in need of second look through a food-conscious lens.

Things like zoning for and incentivizing development of markets and grocers, planning transit to improve access to those sites, regulating (or deregulating) what can be sold at farmers markets, and allocating space for gardening or urban farming are all municipal decisions that "impact people's access to food regardless of whether there is a food council."

"In its absence the impacts still happen, we just don't have

a concerted effort towards making good choices," Moquin said. "We don't have a group looking at it holistically."

But now that's changing.

Donald Benham, manager of hunger and poverty awareness for Winnipeg Harvest, a non-profit that helps feed the hungry and raise awareness of food security issues, said he's "very much looking forward to working with the food council to find long-term solutions."

"There are many, many Winnipeggers in every one of the 15 wards we know (who are food insecure)," he said. "We want to work with the community to end the need for food banks... if a Winnipeg food council can help us do that, we support that."

Winnipeggers who want to be involved can apply for one of the 12 food council seats online until April 21.



The city is gathering policy ingredients for Winnipeg's first food council. GETTY IMAGES



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Police turn to spy tech

PRIVACY

Mounties admit they use devices to collect cellular details

The RCMP used controversial spy technology to track cell phone data in 19 criminal investigations last year — the first official public acknowledgement that the force uses surreptitious devices to collect Canadians' cellular details.

In a rare briefing with reporters from the Toronto Star, CBC and the Globe and Mail Wednesday morning, RCMP Chief Superintendent Jeff Adam said his force owns 10 so-called "mobile device identifier" (MDI) devices with the ability to gather high-level data about the phone's location — but not private communications.

"We will confirm officially that the RCMP possesses and uses mobile identifier technology in order to identify and locate a suspect in a criminal investiga-

tion," he said.

Adam said the devices identify a suspect's cellphone by gathering "very limited" signalling information in a given vicinity and collecting unique identification information from the phone — called International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI) and International Mobile Equipment Identity numbers (IMEI).

While MDI technology does allow for the collection of personal communications, the RCMP uses equipment that — by policy — does not capture private communications, said Adam.

But Brenda McPhail, director of privacy, technology and surveillance at the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, said even metadata collection is an invasion of privacy. "Metadata includes location information. That is intimately personal. The fact that they only collect metadata doesn't let them off the hook."

The same MDI technology used to target a suspect will also gather up the cellular data of many other Canadians, Adam confirmed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



In this courtroom sketch, Karim Baratov (right) addresses the court as his lawyer Amedeo Dicarolo (bottom left), Crown Heather Graham (second from left), lawyer Deepak Paradkar (top left) and Justice Alan Whitten look on. THE CANADIAN PRESS

COURT

Accused Yahoo hacker makes appearance in bail hearing

The father of a Canadian man accused in a massive hack of Yahoo emails told an Ontario court Wednesday that he'd keep all electronic devices locked away and out of his son's reach if his child is released on bail.

Akhmet Tokbergenov was testifying in a Hamilton courtroom at his son's bail hearing, saying he and his wife are pre-

pared to do whatever the court orders if the 22-year-old is released from custody.

Karim Baratov was arrested under the Extradition Act last month after U.S. authorities indicted him and three others — two of them allegedly officers of Russia's Federal Security Service — for computer hacking, economic espionage and other

crimes.

American authorities have alleged in court documents that Baratov poses an "extremely high flight risk" in part due to his alleged ties to Russian intelligence agents and his financial resources. They've noted that Baratov did not appear to have any "legitimate employment."

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NATIONAL DIGEST

Beyak removed from Indigenous committee

Conservative Sen. Lynn Beyak, who famously declared "some good" came out of Canada's residential schools, has been removed from the Senate's committee on Indigenous peoples.

A spokesperson for interim Conservative leader Rona Ambrose says the senator's controversial comments do not reflect the party's position on residential schools.

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PM showcases idea for procedural reform

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau responded personally to all questions asked by fellow MPs in the House of Commons Wednesday.

The move came as the Liberal government tries to convince the opposition of the merits of its proposed changes to the ins and outs of parliamentary procedure.

One suggestion is to set aside one day of the week for MPs to direct questions to the prime minister, such as is done in Britain — one of the Liberals' campaign promises.

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Students oust principal

KANSAS

New hire resigns after school newspaper investigation

An incoming high school principal has resigned in Kansas after student reporters investigated and raised questions about her credentials.

The Pittsburg School Board accepted Amy Robertson's resignation on Tuesday, saying she felt the decision was "in the best interest of the district ... in light of the issues that arose."

The main concern stemmed from her receiving her master's and doctoral degrees from Corlins University, an unaccredited, online school. Robertson said she received her degrees before the university lost accreditation.

"She was going to be the head of our school, and we wanted (to) be assured that she was qualified and had the proper credentials," Trina Paul, a student editor at Pittsburg High School's newspaper, The Booster Redux.



Pittsburg High School students Gina Mathew, Kali Poenitske, Maddie Baden, Trina Paul, Connor Balthazor and Patrick Sullivan prepare to Skype with incoming principal Amy Robertson. Robertson has since resigned over concerns about her credentials. EMILY SMITH/PITTSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Superintendent Destry Brown praised the student reporters, saying: "I appreciate that our kids ask questions and don't just accept something because somebody told them." He told the Pittsburg Morning Sun they "did a great job with the research they did."

Robertson, who works with

"I appreciate that our kids ask questions."
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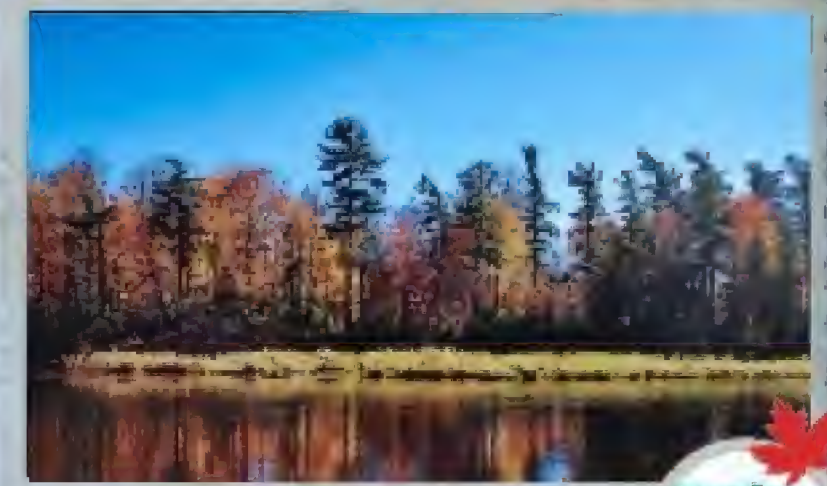
an education consulting firm in Dubai, said there was "no issue" when she received the degrees from Corlins in 1994 and 2010. She declined to comment on questions posed by the students about her credentials because, she said, "their concerns are not based on facts."

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Global leaders seek answers about shocking events in Syria

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The 29-year-old father held his nine-month-old twins, Aya and Ahmed, each in an arm. He choked back tears, mumbling, "Say goodbye, baby, say goodbye" to their lifeless bodies.

When the airstrike took place, "I was right beside them and I carried them outside the house with their mother," Alyousef said.

He brought them to paramedics and, thinking they



Abdul-Hamid Alyousef cries as he holds his twin babies who were killed during a suspected chemical attack in Idlib, Syria.

ALAA ALYOUSEF VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

would be OK, went to look for the rest of his family. He found the bodies of two of his brothers, two nephews and a niece, as well as neighbours and friends. Only later was he told his children and wife had died.

The death toll from the sus-

pected chemical attack rose to 86 on Wednesday as activists and rescue workers found more survivors hiding in shelters near the site of the assault, one of the deadliest in Syria's civil war.

The attack on Khan Sheikh-

U.S. REACTION

President Donald Trump declared on Wednesday the deadly chemical attack in Syria had crossed "many, many lines" and abruptly changed his views of Syrian President Bashar Assad. But he refused to say what the U.S. might do in response.

houn killed dozens of people on Tuesday, leaving residents gasping for breath and convulsing in the streets. Haunting images of lifeless children piled in heaps reflected the magnitude of the attack.

A resolution drafted by Britain, France and the U.S. stresses the Syrian government's obligation to provide information about its air operations, including the names of those in command of helicopter squadrons on the day of the attack.

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BRUSSELS

\$6B aid pledged by over 70 countries

International donors pledged \$6 billion in aid for war-ravaged Syria on Wednesday as the UN Security Council held emergency talks over a suspected chemical attack that killed dozens in a rebel-held province.

Donors from more than 70 countries meeting at a conference on Syria in Brussels made a "collective pledge of \$6 billion for this year alone," EU Humanitarian Aid Commissioner Christos Stylianides said.

Stylianides described the pledge — which appeared to approach the conference hosts' target — as "an impressive figure."

Syria's "needs are massive. Our conference is sending a powerful message," he said. We are not letting down the people of Syria."

However, the goodwill at the meeting was shadowed by the chemical attack Tuesday in Idlib that killed 75 people.

Responding to the grim news, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres appealed for Syria's warring factions and government backers such

as Russia and Iran to bring an end to a six-year conflict that has taken the lives of almost 400,000 people.

"Nobody is winning this war, everybody is losing," Guterres said. "It is having a detrimental and destabilizing effect on the entire region and it is providing a focus that is feeding the new threat of global terrorism."

Nearly half the Syrian population has been displaced by the violence, with millions seeking sanctuary in neighbouring Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey, or heading further west to Europe. UN agencies estimate war damage across Syria so far at \$350 billion, including physical destruction and the loss of economic activity. Four out of five people are living in poverty.

"Behind these figures lies a gradual draining of hope and a turn toward despair that we must reverse," Guterres said.

While it was unclear who was responsible for the chemical attack, many fingers at the Brussels conference pointed toward Syrian President Bashar Assad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON LOSING PATIENCE WITH BOMBARDIER



After taking tax-payer money, laying off hundreds and rewarding top execs with pay hikes, Bombardier leaves cover-seeking political allies with little more than a fig leaf

It has long been taken for granted that no prime minister, no Quebec premier would ever let Bombardier go under on his or her watch. The aerospace giant's leading contribution to Canada's R&D sector, the thousands of jobs it provides kept it on the short list of Canadian corporations that no government would allow to fail.

Over and above any economic consideration, the fact that Bombardier was the corporate apple in the eye of most Quebecers guaranteed it was treated as a political sacred cow in both capitals.

In the wake of the uproar over its executives' compensation that is a status Bombardier may want to avoid putting to the test. It has become untouchable in the wrong sense of the word.

It is hard to overstate the magnitude of the popular backlash the company's management has unleashed by handing itself pay hikes and bonuses of a magnitude normally consistent with a corporate success story.

At this juncture, Bombardier would qualify for that title only if it were considered a feat to wrestle a multi-billion-dollar bailout from two orders of governments while eliminating thousands of jobs at home and abroad.

A poll published this weekend reported that 93 per cent of Quebecers were

93% of Quebecers are angry with the company's compensation plans.

angry over the compensation news. That is as close to unanimity as one can get. It is also the kind of number that no politician can take lightly.

At this point, Bombardier has no friends in the provincial and federal capitals or at least none who is not embarrassed to be associated with the company. In

opposition is having a field day arguing that it walks that talk when it is cutting social programs but not when it is issuing corporate welfare cheques.

On Parliament Hill, the controversy has given new life to the debate over whether Justin Trudeau was right to pledge \$372.5 million in loans to Bombardier

tion Avenir Québec had been arguing that the premier had failed to attach even minimal strings to the public money it handed Bombardier.

Even as the premier tried to turn the heat of public opinion on Trudeau for taking his time to match his government's contribution, the federal Liberals' standing in voting intentions in Quebec continued to climb while that of his own party declined.

When a federal package that fell significantly short of matching Quebec's commitment was belatedly delivered in early February, it was Couillard, and not Trudeau, who took the most flak – for having failed to exact guarantees from the company that Ottawa had secured.

As of now, both governments can only hope that Bombardier will make good on its promise to turn the corner on its financial difficulties – and that it will not ask for more money.

The company may have managed to make corporate bailouts of any kind a lose-lose proposition for politicians.

Bombardier executives believe Quebecers will get over their anger and let bygones be bygones sooner rather than later. But then, they also believed they deserved big bonuses for milking billions of public dollars out of two governments.

They might keep in mind that Quebec's licence plates read: Je me souviens.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.



TOO BIG TO FAIL Bombardier, and its CEO Alain Bellemare (pictured), has become untouchable in the wrong sense of the word, writes Chantal Hébert. THE CANADIAN PRESS

response to public pressure, it has announced that it was postponing part of the pay hikes for a year. That has provided its cover-seeking political allies with little more than a fig leaf.

In Quebec the compensation story cut the legs from under Philippe Couillard's Liberal government just as it was getting a rare post-budget boost. The premier has spent the past week fending off opposition charges that his government bailed out the company with little or no regard for safeguarding taxpayers' money from abuse.

Couillard has chosen to make fiscal rigour the mantra of his government. The

earlier this year.

There were plenty of signs in the months leading to the self-serving Bombardier compensation move that Quebecers were running out of patience with its financial demands. Only a company disconnected from reality or too arrogant to think it should be accountable to the taxpayers who bailed it out would have failed to take note of those signs.

Last fall Couillard's decision to sign off on a \$1.3 billion bailout raised more opposition questions in the National Assembly than it elicited applause among the public.

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Brands you can trust when the world starts to burn



Vicky Mochama
Metro

When the revolution starts, which brand will be there for me?

I wondered this as I watched the caffeinated cola ad starring Kendall Jenner as a model-turned-protest leader. In it, she solves police brutality by handing a police officer a non-Coke soda. When she does it, a cheer goes up in the crowd as if to say, "We realize the police were hypoglycemic. Thanks, Kendall!"

After much backlash, the company has pulled the ad. They're not the only ones to pull ads this week.

The New York Times reported that Fox News blowhard Bill O'Reilly has had to pay out \$13 million in sexual harassment lawsuits over the last few years. Forty advertisers (and counting) have responded by pulling their ads from O'Reilly's show, including major ones like Mercedes Benz, BMW, AllState Insurance and GlaxoSmithKline.

None of these companies pulled their ads from the network last July when allegations surfaced about Fox News CEO Roger Ailes sexually harassing employees. (He left the company soon after.) Maybe all those brands were just monitoring the situation.

Nine months after Ailes' departure, women must be overjoyed that dental company Invisalign is standing up for women.

There's really no reason for brands to be left out of dismantling capitalism.

In fact, between caffeinated beverages and luxury cars, it

is invigorating to find brands that will be there to support the dismantling of systems of oppression.

For example, right-wing media has been assuring us that a race war is forthcoming. Done properly, it's a marketer's dream.

With their long-standing work on buying cool via basketball stars and rap music, Sprite will surely offer to be the drink of black people. Nothing says cool and refreshing like a battle for racial superiority.

I have been planning my outfit for the race war for some time, but what I am really hoping is that Beyoncé's athleisure line, Ivy Park, will supply our uniforms. Canadians who decline to take part can pick up their non-combatant grey sweats from Race War Amnesty title sponsor Roots.

But it's not just during the upcoming race war (sponsored by Halliburton?) when brands can find a lucrative market.

There are unique opportunities right now. As the resistance to Donald Trump coalesces in the United States, there is a profitable opportunity for Staples to provide branded poster board to marchers. In addition to their Easy button, they could issue a "RESIST" button.

There is a product for every consumer. It's just a matter of finding the company that fulfills your desire for de-funding private prisons but also serves the best latte.

Gil Scott Heron was right. The revolution will not be televised.

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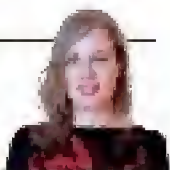


Remembering Mom through her pearls

MEMOIR

Local style guru switches gears in emotional new book

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



During her last days in the hospital intensive-care unit, Karen von Hahn's mother Susan could no longer speak, but she could communicate by spelling out letters on a white card.

Susan's last word tapped out to her daughter was "pearls," which von Hahn instinctively knew meant that she was to inherit her mother's prized jewellery.

Von Hahn describes the art deco-fashioned strand of precious jewels as "fat and creamy, but elegantly flapper," in the opening of her new book, *What Remains: Object Lessons in Love and Loss*, a tribute to her mother, who died in 2012, and their complicated relationship.

Von Hahn, one of Toronto's most well-known and enduring style journalists, has spent most of the last three decades talking about the meaning of objects we surround ourselves with. It's a subject she knows

intimately from birth.

Her mother Susan was a glamorous, witty, fun-loving, and perfectly tanned woman with a penchant for designer clothes and a driving need to be immersed in beauty, whether it be a Yves Saint Laurent peasant blouse or the satin silver couches where she would entertain over many vodka cocktails.

Von Hahn catalogues these items with sharp detail, in part to better understand her mother's life and, at times, the pain Susan's seeming narcissism would cause those around her.

"In the end we're left with nothing but a person's things. The reminders and the touchstones and the artefacts of a person's life," observes von Hahn, who started writing *What Remains* a year after her mother's death.

"What did they collect? What did they aspire to? What did they hope for or want to be? All these things are really expressed in the things that surround a person's life. It's like every person is curating their own museum. I thought that was a way in — to circle around the idea of my moth-

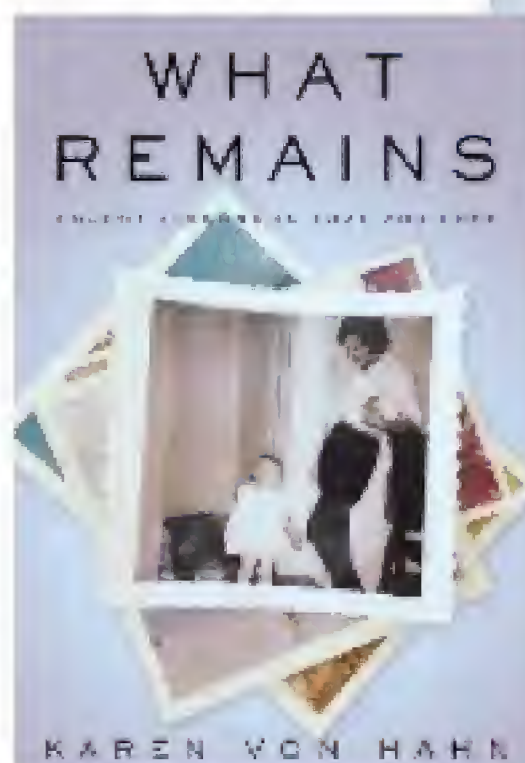
er and my memories of her through the lens of objects and what they mean."

Growing up with a fabulously turned-out mom — and one who demands constant attention, often at the expense of others — can be tough on kids, especially as they test out their own emerging identities, only to discover there's little room left to share in the spotlight.

Von Hahn and her siblings were often left to their own devices, even when a little parental nurturing was called for. "In our house it was clear that the story was about my parents," says von Hahn. "It was their love affair and we children were just ancillary to that."

In the book, she recalls her mother's obsession with glamour as both a point of pride and embarrassment.

"She would appear at school and wouldn't look like any of the other mothers at all. She didn't care about the rules or whether other people thought she was appropriate. She was a bohemian at heart," says von Hahn. "But sometimes as a kid you think, 'Oh my God, can't they just be normal, like everyone else's parents for just one



second?"

It's been roughly four years since von Hahn started writing *What Remains*, still in the thick emotional pool of both sorrow and relief.

And while the memoir may have been therapeutic in some ways, she continues to deeply miss her mother's physical presence and sharp insight.

"She refused to be forgotten. She was one of a kind. I felt she deserved the effort to be remembered because she was just amazing," says von Hahn. "I hope that the portrait of her I paint, which is warts and all, is true. I was mad for her."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



In her memoir, journalist Karen von Hahn pays homage to her glamorous late mother, who she says was a bohemian at heart — something she didn't always appreciate as a kid. CONTRIBUTED



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Karen von Hahn



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Criminally inept, in more ways than one

THE SHOW: *Snatch*, Season 1, Episode 2 (Crave)
THE MOMENT: The rapping Hasidim

Londoners Albert (Luke Pasqualino) and Charlie (Rupert Grint) are in debt to gangsters. They've agreed to ferry three Brooklyn diamond merchants named Heimel, and their stash of stones, from Gatwick airport to a powerful fence.

Charlie's eyes widen in glee when he spies the Hasidim in their long coats, hats and shades,

striding in slow motion like *Reservoir Dogs*. The three settle in the back seat of a minivan. "Where can we have a little fun around here?" Heimel #1 asks.

"What kind of fun are you referring to?" Charlie asks.

"Mad fun, da," replies Heimel #2.

"All work and no play makes Abel a dull boy," #1 says. #2 passes out tabs of MDMA. The Hasidim swallow.

"Turn up the music," #1 orders, and all three begin furiously rapping to Run DMC's It's

Tricky to Rock a Rhyme. With hand gestures.

This 10-hour series, based on a real gold heist, borrows the choppy, stop-start style from Guy Ritchie's 2000 film of the same name. Unfortunately, it borrows everything that's frantic, florid and faux-gangsta about it, too.

Alongside the rapping Hasidim, there are dirty boxers, mob-connected Cuban club-owners and not one but two self-serving, hard-boiled dames. There's also a father/son arc, as Albert tries to escape the shadow of

his crooked dad Vic (Dougray Scott), who's still running heists from prison.

Under all the noise, though, the plot keeps taking the same wrong turn: the lads repeatedly trip on their ineptitude. Criminality can be fun. But too much criminal stupidity will make *Snatch* a dull show.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.



Rupert Grint as Charlie Cavendish-Scott in *Snatch*. CONTRIBUTED

More than a feline: why cats are so weird

INTERVIEW

The whiskers and all story of what kitty is really thinking

Genna Buck
Metro | Toronto



Cats are weird. They growl when they're happy, hiss when they're mad, and do that weird kneading thing on the couch for no apparent reason. There's some debate about whether they love us back, or if they'd be plotting to murder us if they only had opposable thumbs. They are some of the wildest animals we let into our homes. Thomas McNamee, author of the new book *The Inner Life of Cats*, says our cats love us, and they can communicate with us — we just have to learn how to listen.

What made you decide to write a book about cats' minds?

I guess it came down to guilt. A little black cat walked into our lives when we lived in a ranch in Montana. We found



Learning cats' body language is key to bonding, says author Thomas McNamee. iStock

her in the barn, and she proceeded to live with us for the next 15 years. We didn't know much about how to bring up and treat a cat, and she turned out to be sort of a fraidy cat. I later learned a lot more about cats. We made so many mistakes. And I realized people everywhere were likely making some of the same

mistakes that we made.

There's ongoing debate over whether cats are really domesticated — whether feral cats and house pets behave all that differently. Do you come down on a side?

I come down on both sides of it. Our cats are directly descended from the North Af-

rican wildcat, and they're not very far from them. A lot of their habits and their psychology are directly related to that wildcat. On the other hand, there are aspects of their being that have evolved to be extremely domestic. You have to pay attention to how cats relate to humans. Dogs are easy to read. Cats are not so

easy. But a cat really will love you.

So how do I know if my cat loves me?

The first step is to learn their body language. The most important expression of affection is the long, slow blink, looking right at you. And the straight tail with a little hook on top is a very friendly gesture. They will do things to you that wildcats do to one another to say, "I like you": bumping into your leg with their head, or rubbing their face against you.

What surprised you the most, out of all you learned?

The thing that struck me most is the depth and complexity of their emotions. I really had no idea how much was going on. There's been a tremendous amount of scientific research done in the last 20 years, and the results have not made it into the cat books that you can buy by the dozens.

What should be in those books?

People need to know that cats

have deep emotional needs. Some people feed them, let them out, that's it. And the cat becomes a living, breathing sofa cushion. And here's another thing: The most important thing in most cat's lives is their litter box. It's true. It's like "This is where I leave the most olfactory information, these is my territory, my headquarters." And if your litter box situation is not right, your cat is going to be out of sorts all the time.

How do you know if you're doing the litter box right?

Well, the cat will eventually tell you. It needs to be sheltered, out of traffic, but it's got to have an escape route. Other cats need to respect it. It needs to be clean, but not too clean. Bleach is no good either. Respect is very much tied to it. It sounds silly, but if you look at the cat when it's doing its business in the box, they have this kind of sort of dreamy look on their face. They're in this kind of trance. They're completely absorbed in the experience.

Cats are so weird...

Yes they are!



Kendall Jenner's Pepsi ad quickly lost its fizz. CONTRIBUTED

ADVERTISING

Pepsi pulls its Kar crash commercial

Pepsi is pulling an ad that is being widely criticized for appearing to trivialize protests for social justice causes.

The company said Monday that "Pepsi was trying to project a global message of unity,

peace and understanding. Clearly we missed the mark, and we apologize."

The ad shows Kendall Jenner, a member of the Keeping Up With the Kardashians reality TV family, stepping away from a modeling

shoot to join a crowd of young protesters. They cheer after Jenner hands a can of Pepsi to a police officer, who takes a sip.

PepsiCo had previously said the ad would "be seen globally across TV and digital" platforms.

Critics say the image of Jenner handing the officer a Pepsi evoked a photo of Black Lives Matter protester Ieshia Evans approaching an officer at a demonstration in Baton Rouge last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Don't forget about the fifth wall

INTERIORS

Ceiling decor can add dimension to room design

Consider your ceiling a canvas. It's worked for centuries in palaces and places of worship — there's no reason it can't work for your castle, too. From subtle to spectacular, here are five designer treatments for your fifth wall.

Paint

Colour lends drama and luxury to a room in a way that white paint can't. Colour allows you to define a room in the same way that an area rug does. Psychologically, people are often most comfortable with ceiling colours that are similar to those found in nature. In making your selection, the sky really is the limit. Be brave and have fun with it. Consider the light blue of a clear morning, or the golden hues of a sunset, the blue of a full-moon night sky all the way to the deepest black of a moonless night. This kind of ceiling treatment can be achieved in a weekend with relative ease and a modest budget.

Wallpaper

Back on trend in a very big way, wallpaper can deliver features such as texture, sheen and pattern to any room. Take grass cloth — it can give an embossed textured to a ceiling, with either tone-on-tone or contrasting colours for maximum effect. Using a sheen lets you create a shiny or matte detail and it's most effective in a space which has some



Installing coffers can add depth and provide the perfect placement for pot lights. The beams can also be painted for an unexpected pop of colour.

up-lighting to enhance the light play on the ceiling.

Don't be afraid of pattern in the right place: imagine the impact of a palm leaf motif on the ceiling of a solarium or sun room. What better way to create atmosphere? Pattern on all five walls of a powder room can work well, too.

Lighting

More times than not, bigger is actually better when it comes to lighting a space and delivering an impact.

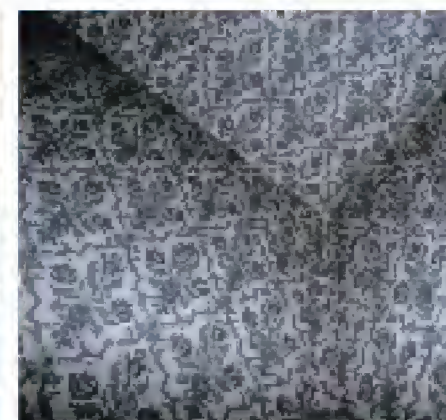
The importance of scale cannot be underestimated. In a foyer, for example, you should seek out something that practically fills the entire ceiling tray. Consider it functional jewelry for your entranceway, setting a tone for your entire home. Dining rooms, too, are often excellent rooms in which to hang a statement piece. Keep in mind the designer rule that the fixture should be approximately two-thirds the diameter of the dining table. If you can't find that in a single fixture, don't hesitate to use two or

three of the same style to achieve your well-lit layered look.

Coffers

A series of sunken panels in the shape of a square, rectangle or octagon in the ceiling, coffers can give a room the look of rich, old-world luxury while providing a solution to a multitude of sins.

Electrical wires can be hidden with coffers and pot lights can be installed. With the proliferation of condos and their concrete ceilings, coffers provide an opportunity for good general light



Top left: Crown moulding adds height to ceilings. Top right: All-over wallpaper can have a big impact, especially in a small space. Bottom: Statement light fixtures, like this chandelier, can set the style tone of a room. ALL PHOTOS TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

and visual interest. This newly added depth gives you the opportunity to add colour to the variety of details and levels, or simply the ceiling itself. This is not a weekend warrior project; it requires the tools and skill set of a tradesperson.

Mouldings

Offering subtle embellishment to the ceiling, mouldings can be as simple or detailed as your taste allows. Many older homes have lower ceilings measuring eight feet or so. As a result, white was

typically used in the past to visually increase the height of the ceiling. Mouldings in this kind of application allow for you to play with depth, shadow and light in a way which dressed the ceiling as opposed to lowering it. Crown moulding is a classic detail and a favourite of many which will never go out of style.

Moulding added to the centre of the ceiling in a Greek key pattern, for example, is trending right now and often painted out in the same colour as the ceiling.

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Spring decor *hand-made* in Montreal

Three eco-conscious designers from Montreal are collaborating on a home decor collection linked by their neutral tones and blue accents. Available now on eBay Canada, the collection ships free and proceeds go to Evergreen, a charity that promotes sustainable cities. **MELITA KUBURAS/METRO**

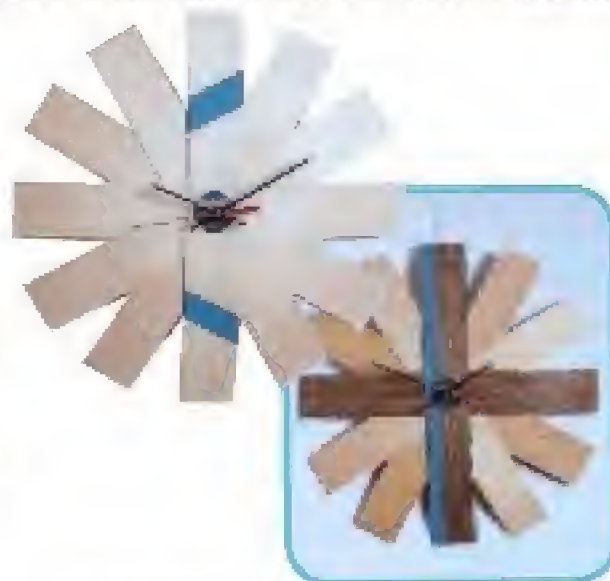


Midnight Owl (top) \$65;
North Caribou \$65

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Cushy creatures by Velvet Moustache

Majorie Labrègue-Lepage's company will celebrate 10 years this September — the Midnight Owl was one of the first in her collection of square-shaped animals. "I buy organic cotton threads and recycled fabric polyester and we take all those materials to knit the fabric," she says, of the terrycloth cushions made in Montreal's Ville-Marie neighbourhood. Textile sustainability is a core value. "It should be important to everyone," she says.



RELOJ Maple (left) \$55;
RELOJ Walnut x Maple x Oak \$55

Nature time by Atelier Cocotte

Designer Isabelle Auger is known for her abstract light fixtures and lamps made out of bendy wooden strips, but she sometimes adds complementary decorative items to her workshop. The timepieces are made from Canadian maple, oak and walnut.

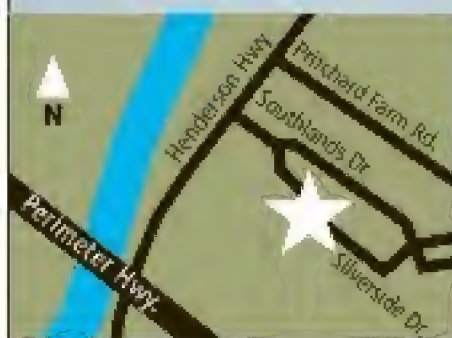
Trendy tableware by a ceramic artist

Marjorie Camiré says all her pieces are tipped in glaze, which creates a random gradient pattern that makes each item unique. "Cobalt blue is a pigment you can find in nature and it's a classic in ceramics — like the old-timey pottery that are patterned with that pigment — and I decided to use it differently," she tells Metro.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

FINANCING A HOME RENO

A renovation can make good financial sense, says Patricia Teramoto, a branch manager with Meridian Credit Union in Burlington.

If you plan to stay in your home rather than selling and moving, a renovation can help you “create your dream home within your existing walls,” saving the cost of buying a new home and moving into it, she says. “On the flipside updating your home can make it attractive to buyers if you are planning to sell – especially when you focus on kitchens and bathrooms.”

But home renovations don't come cheap. According to a 2015 report by houzz.com, the average remodel of a large kitchen in Canada cost \$34,500, while a large bathroom remodel rang in at about \$11,000. Read on for options that can help you pay for that much-yearned-for



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reno.

Cash is king: Ideally, says Teramoto, homeowners would save for a renovation in advance. If that's your goal, she suggests setting up a high-interest, no-fees savings account that doesn't require a minimum balance. Label it ‘the reno fund,’ and feed money into it automatically every month, or when you get

bonuses or monetary gifts.

“The benefit of a high-interest savings account is that you earn interest on every dollar sitting in that bank account and the funds are available immediately, so you have access whenever you need it,” says Teramoto. “It's not locked in, the way that a Guaranteed Investment Certificate (GIC) would be.”

Get out the plastic: About 26 per cent of the homeowners polled by houzz.com used a credit card to pay for renovations. And there are some advantages to that, says Teramoto, in that it helps you keep track of spending and you may be able to collect points to use toward travel and other purchases. The caveat: “You have to pay your credit card off each month, because you don't want to be paying 19 per cent interest,” she says.

Raid your RRSPs: “We would never advise that you access your RRSPs to finance a renovation,” says Teramoto. “If someone asks about that, we would direct them to speak to their accountant because that can have serious tax implications when you file your tax return the following year.”

The unsecured line of credit: For a quick and dirty reno – perhaps worth \$20,000 or less – a personal line of credit can be a good tool, Teramoto says. The key benefits: there are no fees to set up the loan and you can draw on the money as you need it – you're only going to pay interest on what you borrow.

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Kuchi says sealing ductwork from the inside also reduces dust and other aller-



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gens often found in homes.

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Hydro marketing specialist Michael Lee says no coupons are necessary—the savings are taken off at the till—and adds LEDs also save money by using up to 80 per cent less electricity than incandescent bulbs.







"If you replace a regular 60 watt incandescent with the equivalent wattage for an LED you can save about \$4 in electricity on just that bulb per year. The average home uses 35 bulbs, so the savings can really add up quickly," says Lee. "Another advantage to LEDs is their lifespan. Your regular incandescent bulb is rated for 1,000 hours

which will last for about a year, where LEDs last for between 15,000 to 25,000 hours and can last up to 25 years with average use.

"So there's a convenience factor as well — if you have a bulb in a hard to reach place you change it once and then you don't have to worry about it."

Lee says LEDs are also very versatile and come in a variety of shapes, styles, and colours.

"The technology keeps evolving really quickly and there are so many different shapes and sizes and different colour options available that let you choose a warm light or a cooler light that's similar to being outside and is really good for tasks like reading or cooking," he explains. "You can really customize your home with lighting and with LEDs there are so many options available." To light up your spring, go to hydro.mb.ca/savings for more information and a full list of participating retailers.

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	A-line <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Table and floor lamps, pendant fixtures, and wall sconces
	BR Bulged Reflector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recessed lighting and pot lights, dimmable, and indoor/outdoor floodlights
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Staging your home so it sticks

EXPERT HELP

Play up the selling points and downplay the chore list

Vicky Sanderson

A booming real estate market doesn't reduce the benefits of hiring a stager. In fact, working with a professional can only add more value, says designer and stager Becky Freeman, because it results in even higher offers.

"As well, in a seller's market, you have to give buyers a reason for the high price," says Freeman, adding that her clients can typically expect a return on the cost of staging equal to between one and three per cent of the asking price.

DIY expert Leigh-Ann Allaire Perrault, who wrote a staging course curriculum for Sheridan College in Ontario, says the process should be seen as an investment rather than a cost. "If you give me \$5,000 and I give you \$20,000, where's the question?" she asks.

An effective stager brings fresh eyes to a property, adds Freeman. "People think their home is decorated perfectly, but often it has to be refined and decluttered — the analogy would be to a boutique hotel suite."

Both professionals say pre-showing organization is key. After visiting a site, Freeman creates a report for clients that details jobs to be done, with a clickable shopping list. She can also connect homeowners with third-party experts, such as organizers and tradespeople.

Near the top of her to-do list is ensuring that there's a "purpose" for every room. "The buyer

is looking and thinking, what can I use this room for? So every room must have a specific reason. You don't want two things going on in the same room, or to have undefined spaces."

Sellers often make the mistake of underestimating just how stressful the process will be, or how much work will need to be done. "One of my strengths is as an empathy coach, who understands it's not going to be easy. But I can explain the need to get rid of stuff, or store items, or do this or that in terms of how they will work as marketing tactics." To "sweeten" the news, Freeman always arrives at the first meeting with

chocolate in hand.

To reduce stress, stager Nella Deluca often suggests people go on vacation while she addresses the staging details, including one of her pet peeves — poorly scaled rugs. ("They should anchor the furniture, and not float!" she says firmly.)

Social media may play an in-

creasingly important role in real estate marketing, but Allaire Perrault has a caveat. "It's easy to fake reality by adding filters or shoot with an extra-wide lens to make something look bigger. But don't set people up to be disappointed! As with everything, under-promise and over-deliver."

Deluca is all for homeowners

doing renovations prior to listing, but reminds them it's not their chance to do a dream makeover. "They will want to do things they love that make the space very self-specific. That can make it challenging to sell. Anything that's fixed should be neutral, not too ornate, and universally appealing."

Allaire Perrault agrees that decor matters when selling a home. "But you have to stage for all the senses," she adds. "If the floor squeaks and the stair rails wobble and the door handles are loose or sticky, each of those things goes on a buyer's subconscious chore list, and one that has costs attached to it."



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Staging often focuses on the interior of a home, but DIY expert Leigh-Ann Allaire Perrault reminds sellers that prospective buyers will often drive by a house before touring it. "If the exterior doesn't capture them, they'll just keep going," she says.

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Designer and stager Becky Freeman likens staging vacant homes and condos to "filling a blank space in a day or two." IRVIN SIDHU



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Yuuuge on the links

GOLF

Trump extends his polarizing persona to the greens

Leave your ego in the clubhouse if you ever get the chance to golf with U.S. President Donald Trump. He may well throw shade on your game. And puff up his own.

Trump suggested to his good friend Phil Ruffin that maybe he should be hitting from the women's tees. Years ago, he repeatedly ribbed an AP golf writer after his drive didn't go as far as a female pro's. As president, he's even had the chutzpah to give grief to Ernie Els, who's playing in the Masters this week.

"He's very good at the needle," says Jim Herman, who was an assistant club pro at one of Trump's courses before Trump spotted his talent and helped him join the PGA Tour.

Since taking office, Trump has made it clear he has no qualms about spending quality time on the golf course even though he criticized former president Barack Obama relentlessly for doing the same.

This is one area, however, where the president's boasts are borne out by performance.

At age 70, the president still is a very good golfer, with a strong drive, quirky but effective putts and multiple holes-in-one and 19 club championships to his credit.

While he hasn't recorded scores for a while, his handicap was 2.9 last fall, better than the 3.5 for 77-year-old Jack Nicklaus, the 18-time major champion.

In his 10 weeks as president,



Donald Trump says he is using golf to help lubricate business and political pursuits.

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Trump has turned up at one or another of his 16 golf properties at least 17 times, spending more than 63 hours in all at different clubs.

But the White House, sensitive to accusations that it's hypocritical for Trump to golf a lot after criticizing Obama for doing just that, fizzes up exactly what the president is doing during all those hours at his clubs.

Trump is proud to say he uses his golf game to lubricate business and political pursuits.

As he tries to revive the effort to repeal health-care law, Trump

on Sunday invited Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky, who had opposed the latest plan, for a round of golf at his course in northern Virginia.

Paul said Monday that Trump likes to talk about "how we come together to get everybody on the same page, and he likes to do it through golf."

Trump made a point of golfing with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in February, using the golden driver that Abe had given him just days after the election. The two used the Florida outing to foster deeper relation-

ships in Asia, according to the White House.

Els, who was part of a foursome with Trump and Abe that weekend, says the talk wasn't all business.

"He was giving me grief about my game," Els said. "He's one of the boys. He didn't talk anything like that, so that was nice."

As for making golf more accessible for people without deep pockets, Trump just doesn't want to go there.

He told the Golf Channel last year: "I'd like to see golf be an aspirational game, where you aspire to join a club someday. You want to play, you go out and you become successful."

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He was giving me grief about my game.

Ernie Els, four-time major winner

Reporter recounts Trump's mocking

I played golf with Donald Trump in November 2002 when he was just a billionaire developer who loved golf.

Rounding out our pro-am foursome at Trump International in West Palm Beach, Fla., were Annika Sorenstam and Jim Palmer, the former Baltimore Orioles pitcher. At the time, Sorenstam was the best in the world, and Trump had made sure she was in his group.

Me? I was just along for the ride.

On the last hole, Sorenstam hit her tee shot about 10 yards

past mine, and that was all the future president, known for trash talk on the links, needed.

"Did you see how far she hit it past you? And you hit that one good!" he said mockingly.

"Yes, well, she is No. 1 in the world," I replied.

"Yeah, but you're a big, strong guy and she's 20 yards past you!"

The next day I was watching Sorenstam in the first round and when she missed a putt, I realized I was standing next to Trump.

"I hope we didn't ruin her

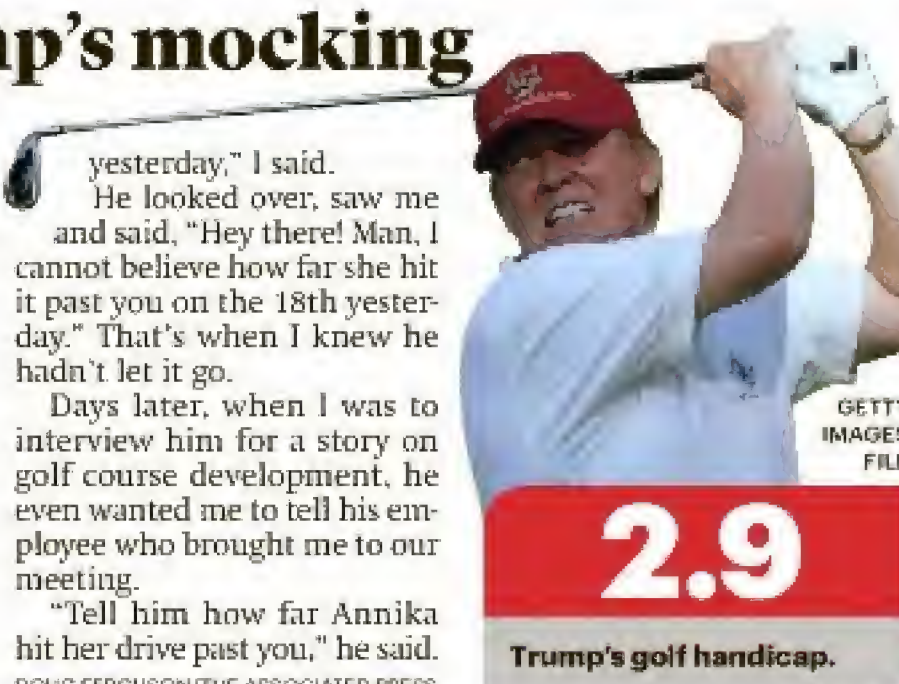
yesterday," I said.

He looked over, saw me and said, "Hey there! Man, I cannot believe how far she hit it past you on the 18th yesterday." That's when I knew he hadn't let it go.

Days later, when I was to interview him for a story on golf course development, he even wined me to tell his employee who brought me to our meeting.

"Tell him how far Annika hit her drive past you," he said.

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Trump's golf handicap.

MASTERS

Johnson ailing after tumble down stairs

Masters favourite Dustin Johnson took a serious fall on a staircase Wednesday and injured his lower back, and his manager said it was uncertain whether the world's No. 1 golfer would be able to play.

It was a stunning development on an otherwise quiet day at Augusta National, where the course was shut down at 1:30 p.m. because of storms.

The real calamity struck a few hours later.

David Winkle, his manager at Hambric Sports, said Johnson fell on the stairs at the home he is renting in Augusta.

"He landed very hard on his lower back and is now resting, although quite uncomfortably," Winkle said in an email. "He has been advised to remain

immobile and begin a regiment of anti-inflammatory medication and icing, with the hope of being able to play tomorrow."

What might help Johnson is that he is in the last group for the opening

round, scheduled to tee off at 2:03 p.m. with two-time Masters champion Bubba Watson and PGA champion Jimmy Walker.

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I've got a lot of confidence in my game right now ... But, you know, anything can happen.

Dustin Johnson on Tuesday

OLYMPIC HOCKEY

Marchand's chance spoiled by league

The mother of a Nova Scotia-born NHL player poised to make a bid to join Team Canada says the league's decision to pass on the Olympics is a deep disappointment.

Lynn Marchand, 54, said even though her son Brad Marchand has won gold with Canadian teams at the world juniors, last fall's World Cup of Hockey and the Stanley Cup six years ago with the Boston Bruins, the Olympics remained his dream.

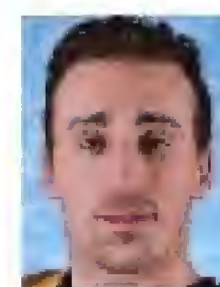
The scrappy 28-year-old player from Halifax — who was in the news on Tuesday for a nasty spearing penalty — seemed well

positioned to make his first Olympic team, but the NHL announced on Monday it's taking a pass on the 2018 Games.

"The announcement was extremely disappointing," Lynn Marchand said.

"We don't know where Brad will be playing and what his performance will be in five years."

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Brad Marchand
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IN BRIEF

Gushue unbeaten through 9 matches at curling worlds

The numbers are in Brad Gushue's favour at the Ford World Men's Curling Championship.

He posted impressive wins over Jaap Van Dorp of the Netherlands and Japan's Yusuke Morozumi on Wednesday to extend his unbeaten streak to nine games. Gushue has outscored his opponents 77-29 overall.

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Canadian weightlifter closer to gold after drug retests

Canada could be adding a second gold medal to its tally from the 2012 Olympics.

Weightlifter Christine Girard could jump from third place to first after the International Olympic Committee stripped Russia's Svetlana Tzarukaeva of the silver medal after a positive substance test, the same fate of Maiya Maneza, who has already been stripped of her gold. THE CANADIAN PRESS

MAKE IT TONIGHT

Hearty Carrot & Chickpea Stew



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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada



This fragrant, hearty stew makes more than enough for dinner, so you can pack leftovers for a tasty lunch tomorrow.

Ready in 1 hour 5 minutes

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 1 hour

Serves 6

Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 Tbsp minced ginger
- Tbsp olive oil
- 3 cups carrots, chopped in 1/4 inch rounds
- 1/2 tsp turmeric
- 3/4 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 red pepper chopped
- 1/2 zucchini chopped
- 6 or 8 mushrooms chopped
- 2 cups of canned chick-

peas, drained

- 1 cup chicken or vegetable stock

Directions

1. Sauté the onion, garlic and ginger in the olive oil until they're soft but not browned.

2. Add the carrots and the spices and a splash of stock to stop it from sticking.

3. Cook for 10 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally.

4. Add the other vegetables and sauté for a couple of minutes.

5. Add the drained chickpeas and stock and simmer for an hour, stirring regularly.

6. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve with a dollop of plain yogurt and some fresh cilantro.

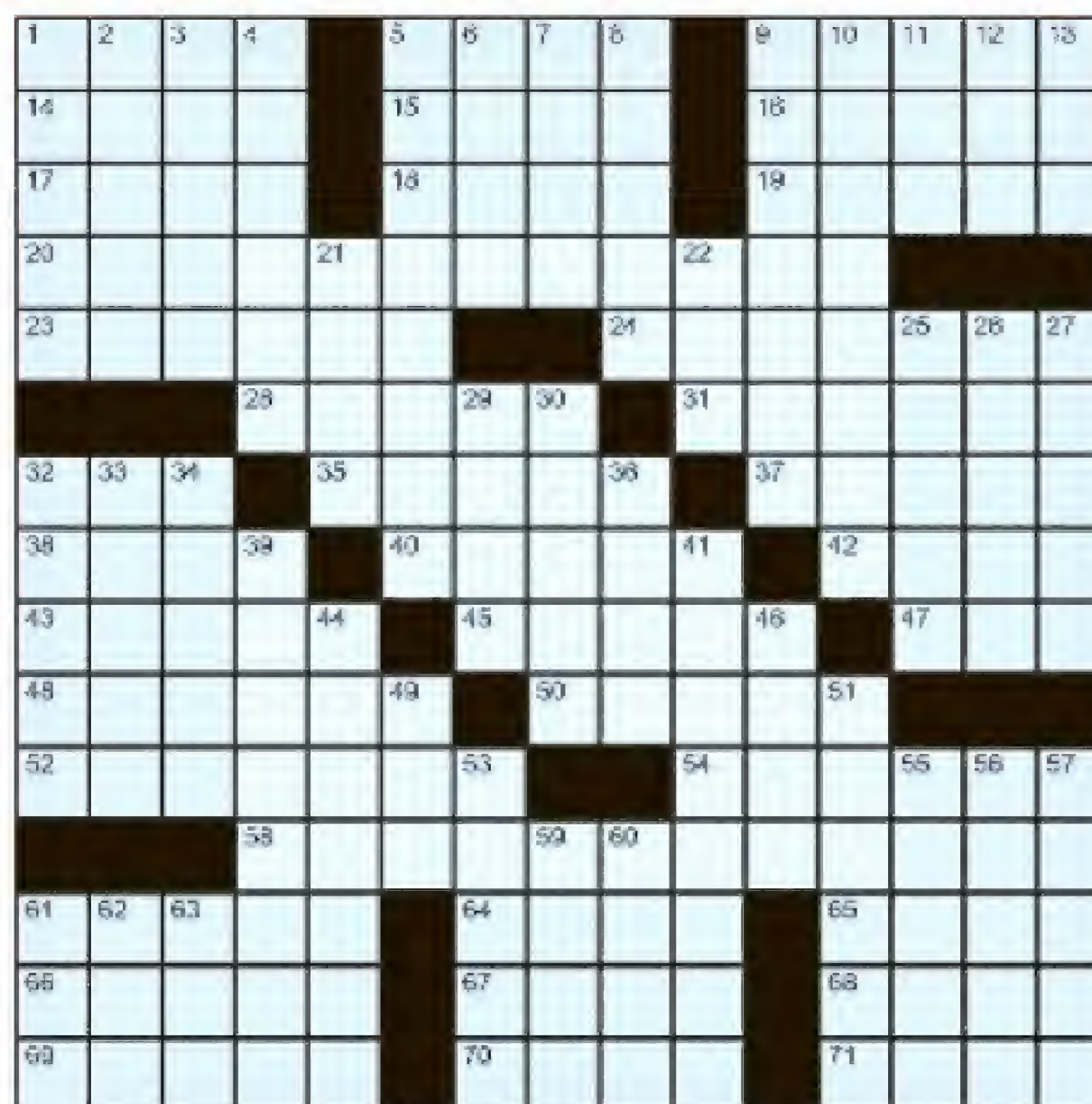
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ACROSS

1. "Begone!"
5. Cinch
9. Treat at afternoon tea
14. Family-themed song by Paul Anka
15. Outfit for Octavian
16. Up ____ (Until this moment)
17. ____ the Terrible
18. Division
19. Surplus
20. Bruno Gerussi's starring role on "The Beachcombers"; 2 wds.
23. Row of cookies in a bag
24. First ____ in Western Canada National Historic Site of Canada, it's something to 'gush' about in Alberta
28. Parts of doorbell-sounding duos
31. Particularly-pitiless person
32. Diamond official, for short
35. Look after the fire's logs
37. Work like Rosie did in World War II
38. Heathcliff's heathered haunt
40. Drink the water, as a puppy
42. Cancelled
43. Tim Hortons ____ (Curling championship)
45. Carnivals
47. Hankering
48. Rotten
50. News reporter's coup
52. Leeward Islands country, ____ and Barbuda



54. Pieces in the Phantom of the Opera's wardrobe
58. American inventor (b.1847 - d.1931) whose father was Canadian; 2 wds.
61. Noise a tomato makes when falling onto the kitchen floor

64. 'Chew' suffix (Like a stick of gum)
65. "My king."
66. On ____ (How some sandwiches are served)
67. Footnote abbr.
68. River on the Poland/Germany border
69. ____-turvy

70. Meshworks
71. Organized

DOWN

1. Revolves
2. Quibble
3. Speedily
4. What the turned-out-to-not-be-a-block-

- buster-movie did.
5. University attendees
6. Reason for a "Tsk, tsk" utterance
7. Opposin'
8. Flagstones-created retreat
9. Thief
10. Rowing team

- helmsperson
11. Windsor, ____
12. ____easter
13. Hawaii's ____ Beach
21. Hertz competitor
22. Shadowy
25. Diplomatic representative
26. Vassal
27. Disclosed; 2 wds.
29. Fairway game
30. Arctic seabirds
32. Total eclipse phenomenon
33. "Joanie Loves Chachi" star Erin
34. Gist of a speech
36. Mr. Clapton
39. Piano performances
41. Takeaways from sales
44. Justifiedly
46. Hoped-for-word-in-bold on a real estate sign
49. Couplet
51. "Every Rose Has Its Thorn" band
53. At full force, poetically
55. "All kidding ____"
56. Seoul, South ____
57. Viking dog in the funny pages
59. Superior at a French monastery
60. Skirt feature
61. Was in session
62. ____ rata
63. Prune

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You are pumped to explore social situations, playful times with children, the arts and sporting events today. You want to have fun, and you're ready for anything!

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Family discussions will be lively, inventive and original today. Listen to what other people bring to the table. Surprise company might drop by — stock the fridge.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You're full of inventive, genius-like ideas today. This is why conversations with others will be lively and stimulating! Enjoy and learn whatever you can.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Trust your moneymaking ideas, because you are capable of seeing new ways of doing things simply because you can think outside the box. Sometimes, that's all it takes.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
For most of this day, the Moon is in your sign, dancing with wild and wacky Uranus. This helps you to be inventive and spontaneous. Just go with the flow!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You might be privately excited about something today, because you see new ways of doing things. The trick is, will others agree with you? Why not find out?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might meet a real character today. This also is a good day to hang out with friends and explore fresh activities. Don't be afraid to take a chance on something new.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
People admire you today. They see you as someone who is a leader and who is full of innovative ideas. Likewise, your boss or parent also might have a new way of looking at things.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Travel plans suddenly might fall in your lap today. Alternatively, scheduled travel might be canceled or delayed. Anything can happen.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Check your bank account and anything to do with shared property, because a few surprises await you today. Make sure you know what's going on.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A friend or partner might surprise you today by suggesting something out of the blue. Stay light on your feet so that you can play ball.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a good day to introduce reform and improvements to your job or possibly to your health. That's because you are full of original, inventive ideas. Trust your thinking process.

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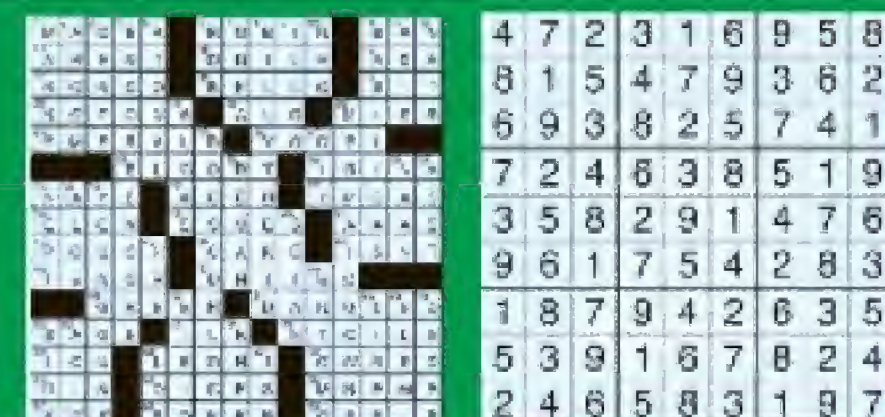
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